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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	June 24, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH, **President**, Presiding  
Maynard Gregory, LCDP, **Vice President**  
Vera Murrell, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT  
Dr. William Northey, LMFT  
Lisa Ritchie, LPCMH  
William Gale, LPCMH  
Tracy Hansen, LMFT  
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member  
Robert Doyle, Public Member  
Winnie Lewis, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mary Davis, LCDP

**ALSO PRESENT**

Stav Gornic, Child Well-Being Initiative  
Vaneity Sanders  
Janelle Evans  
Juli LaBadia, Court Reporter, Wilcox and Fetzer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Ms. Hickey introduced herself to the Board.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the April 22, 2009 meeting minutes for approval. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review Draft of Proposed Rule and Regulation Changes – Allison Reardon

Ms. Reardon requested that this item be tabled until the June meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Mary Soligo

The Board reviewed Ms. Soligo's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Vivian Frear

The Board reviewed Ms. Frear's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Cathy Cowin

The Board reviewed Ms. Cowin's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Elaine Powers

The Board reviewed Ms. Power's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Tracey Frazier

The Board reviewed Ms. Frazier's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Gregory made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint #33-01-09

Ms. Ritchie agreed to be the contact for Complaint #33-01-09.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from McKissock

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the course entitled "Human Sexuality: Counseling Protocols for Couples, Sex Disorders and Sex Abuse Victims," for 4 hours of CE. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the course entitled "Teens: Help Them Escape the Justice System," for 3 hours of CE. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to approve the course entitled "What's Troubling Our Teens? Assessment, Intervention, & Treatment," for 4 hours of CE. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education Audit – Continued

The Board reviewed a letter from John Arick, in which he indicated that he will not be able to

provide copies of his CE certificates before the end of the extension period that was granted by the Board. A show cause hearing will be held for Mr. Arick at the June meeting.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Letter from Lauren Tinsley Regarding Supervision**

The Board reviewed a letter from Lauren Tinsley, in which she asked some questions regarding applicants obtaining a LACMH license when their Master's degree is in School Counseling. She advised that the NBCC requires that applicants with a Master's degree in School Counseling obtain their experience before they can sit for the exam and get their certification. This means they cannot apply for LACMH in Delaware. The Board would like to get some additional information from the NBCC before responding to this question. Ms. Slaughter will contact the NBCC to obtain additional information regarding certification requirements. This item will be discussed further at the June meeting.

#### **Question from Raymond Copp Regarding Foreign Education Credentialing**

The Board reviewed an email from Mr. Copp, in which he asked which foreign credentialing agencies would be acceptable to review and translate his transcripts. The Board advised to have Mr. Copp send his transcripts to one of the agencies that the NBCC uses for foreign credentialing since there is nothing in the Board's statute or regulations regarding foreign credentialing.

#### **Show Cause Hearing – Janelle Evans 12:30 p.m.**

At 12:51 p.m., Ms. Hickey called the show cause hearing to order for Janelle Evans. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Hickey stated the reason for the hearing and had the following items marked as for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – Notification of hearing letter and certified mail receipt card; Board Exhibit 2 - CE audit packet submitted by Ms. Evans. Ms. Hickey verified with Ms. Evans that she waived her right to be represented by counsel. Ms. Evans was sworn and had the following item marked as Applicant Exhibit 1 for the record – A list of additional CE taken after audit period ended. Ms. Evans presented her case to the Board and answered any questions they had. At 1:13 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 1:43 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Mr. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to impose the following sanctions: Ms. Evans will have 90 days from the date of the Board Order to provide evidence of at least 40 hours of CE acceptable to the Board, per section 2.3.2.2.2 of the Board's regulations; any additional CE taken to satisfy the 2008 post renewal audit cannot be used for the 2010 post renewal audit; Ms. Evans will automatically be selected for audit during the 2010 post renewal audit; She can have no less than 20 hours of face-to-face CE; and if Ms. Evans does not comply with these terms, she will be required to appear before the Board again for the Board to consider further disciplinary action. Motion carried with Ms. Lewis and Dr. Northey opposing, and Mr. Yocum abstaining. The hearing concluded at 1:46 p.m.

#### **Review Certification Information from North American Association of Psychology (NAMP)**

The Board reviewed documentation submitted by the North American Association of Psychology (NAMP), in which they requested for the Board to determine if their certification is acceptable to meet the certification requirement for Professional Counselor applicants. The Board determined that they need additional time to review the documentation. They would also like for NAMP to provide some additional information. This item will be tabled until July. The Board appointed a task

force, made up of the Professional Counselor members of the Board, who will review the certification at a committee meeting to be held before the July board meeting, and present their findings to the Board.

**Other Business (for discussion only)**

Mr. Yocum explained to the Board the reason that he abstained on the vote for the motion made during the hearing for Ms. Evans.

Mr. Gale advised the Board that he recently learned that NBCC does a random audit of 25% of their certification holders in their fifth year of certification.

**Public Comment**

Stav Gornic addressed the Board regarding the NAMP certification issue. She advised the Board that she will be applying for licensure and has NAMP certification. When she started her supervision and certification she went online to the Delaware Division of Professional Regulation's website and saw that NAMP certification was listed as acceptable certification for Professional Counselor applicants, so she started the process to get certified. She has just received the certification and has finished her experience hours and is now being told that NAMP certification is not acceptable to the Board. She feels that the Board should allow her to be licensed with NAMP certification since she received the information from the Division's website. The Board encouraged Ms. Gornic to apply and advised they will continue reviewing NAMP's certification next month.

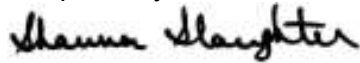
**Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2009, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Slaughter  
Administrative Specialist II